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REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a method for recording an image by heating liquid crystal, classified in class 349, subclass 20.

Group II: Claims 13-20, drawn to a recording apparatus comprising a writing head and a control section, classified in class 349, subclass 2.

Applicants elect Group I without traverse. Claims 1-12 read on the elected invention.

CONCLUSION

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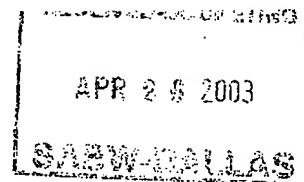
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